

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**Chaplin, Connecticut**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**April 26, 2022**  
**MINUTES**

Members Present: Juan Roman III, First Selectman; Anthony Pinto, Selectman; Kenneth Fortier, Selectman.

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Suzanne Krodel, Administrative Assistant, Dave Stone, Department of Public Works Supervisor

1. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 6:05pm
2. Discuss and possible action regarding mowing bids for FY2022-23:  
*J. Roman made a **MOTION** to award the mowing bid for FY2022-23 of \$31,550 to A Sharper Edge, LLC. Discussion: This is our current contractor, no other bids came in, next year they will advertise in a broader area. J. Pinto seconded the **MOTION**. All in favor. **MOTION** passed.*
3. Approval of Wage Schedule for FY2022-23: The Board reviewed the wage schedule and agreed the assistant building official entry should be removed because we are under contract with Windham for our Building Official.  
*J. Roman made a **MOTION** to approve the Wage Schedule for FY2022-23 with the correction of removing the Assistant Building Official. J. Pinto seconded the **MOTION**. All in favor, **MOTION** passed.*
4. Discuss and possible action regarding the ARPA funds survey:  
The Board reviewed the survey that was sent out to the residents for an opinion on how the funds should be sent. There was a lot of support for a new HVAC system for the library/senior center and next step is to put it out to bid. Dave Stone, DPW Supervisor, has reached out to some contractors to get quotes. They could reach out to a mechanical engineering firm to review the buildings to determine what the options are. J. Pinto discussed installing a heat pump for the firehouse but doesn't recommend it due to the electricity costs.

The Board discussed the fire ponds that are needed, and one is already in the process of being developed behind the firehouse. Inland Wetlands Commission will need to review the plans, Richard Garrison is giving a quote to dig it, no test pits need to be done and they have possibly three more locations in town, Palmer Road, Tower Hill, and Cedar Swamp. This will also help homeowners near these locations with their insurance.

A new website was also ranked high on the survey, this will give us more features for online searching to include the town ordinances.

J. Roman stated that as far as the broadband expansion he is looking at IIA funds from the Federal Government. J. Pinto stated that he feels the cable

companies should absorb this cost to run cable to the houses. J. Roman stated he received a quote of \$100,000 from Spectrum to do this work.

J. Pinto reported to the Board that if they purchase a repeater and use the antenna from QV that is on the flagpole at the firehouse, they can boost radio communication in dead spots. QV will program it and keep licensing. He believes it may be \$5,000-\$6,000 and will get more information on costs.

5. Receipt, discussion, and action to approve the Legal Notice – Warning of the Annual Town meeting to be held on Monday, May 9, 2022: The Board reviewed the legal notice and discussed \$600,000 from unassigned fund balance to the England Road Bridge CIP project. J. Pinto stated that they still need \$100,000 for the new firetruck and he will make a motion at the next Board meeting to prepay the \$300,000 that is sitting in CIP because we are getting wacked the full interest. J. Roman will follow up with this, no reason why we cannot write a check now. The CIP Other project funding will be for equipment – plow truck and smart boards for the school. The sale of Tutko Road was discussed and the opinion from Dennis O'Brien, Town Attorney, was sent to the Board members to review.

*J. Roman made a **MOTION** to approve the legal notice – warning of the Annual Town meeting to be held on Monday, May 9, 2022. J. Pinto seconded the **MOTION**. All in favor, **MOTION** passed.* The snow ordinance was discussed and that both ordinances will be voted on at the town meeting, not at the referendum. The only item being voted on at referendum will be the budget.

6. Tax Refunds: *J. Roman made a **MOTION** to approve a tax refund of \$9.43 to Charles Bruckerhoff. K. Fortier seconded the **MOTION**. All in favor, **MOTION** passed.*
7. Resignations and appointments: J. Roman read the resignation from Suzanne Krodel, Administrative Assistant, effective 5/2/2022.
8. Human Resources Matter: CONFIDENTIAL, and subject to be discussed in Executive Session per General Statutes section 1-200(6)(A), upon motion and vote of the Board of Selectmen.  
*J. Roman made a **MOTION** to enter Executive session and invite Dave Stone. K. Fortier seconded the **MOTION**. All in favor, **MOTION** passed.  
J. Roman, K. Fortier, J. Pinto, and D. Stone entered executive session at 6.46pm.*

Executive session ended at 8:20pm with no action taken.

9. Adjourn: Special meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

*Respectfully submitted by,  
Suzanne Krodel, Administrative Assistant*